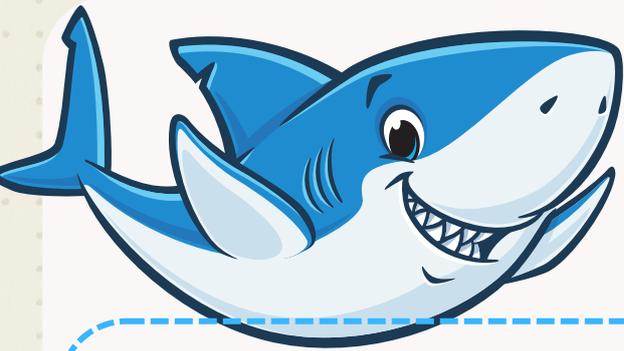


# Shark Bites

# NEWSLETTER



SouthPointe School

## Principal's Message

It's hard to believe we are already in our third week of school! Congratulations to the students that made the Junior and Senior volleyball teams. I would like to pass on a "Great Job!" to our Senior teams who played in their first tournament this past weekend! Good luck to our Junior Teams who will be playing in their first Tournament this weekend. SouthPointe will be hosting the Junior Girls Tournament and JPll will be hosting the Junior Boys. We would love for our families to come out and cheer on our teams! GO SHARKS!

Our staff and students are looking forward to our "Terry Fox Run" tomorrow. We are encouraging our students to bring in toonies or you can donate online <https://schools.terryfox.ca/72914/team>. All money raised goes to support cancer research. Thank you for your support!

If your child is interested in music or singing, Mrs. Yule has some great extra-curriculars starting up this month. Keep reading to find out more details about Grade 4/5/6 Choir, Hand Chimes, and our Junior High Band.

In addition, I wanted to give an update about the turf restoration project that is happening here at SPS. You have noticed the fences up around the green space close to the school and playground. This is phase one of the project. The fences will remain up for the year to protect the new sod that was put down. The fences will come down at the end of June next year and phase two of the work will take place the following year, which is the area between the playground and staff parking lot. The playground and basketball court remains open for use.

Lastly, we have supervision outside after dismissal for ten minutes. If your child/children stay to play at the playground or field after 2:55 pm, please make arrangements for their supervision as needed.

I hope you and your family have a great weekend! - Laurie Caines

## NEXT WEEK

### Hot Lunch!!!

- 25 - Grades 1-3 & Mon/Wed K
- 26 - Grades 4-6 & Tues/Thur K
- 27 - Grades 7-9

Monday (23)	Senior Boys & Girls Volleyball Practice @ 3:00-4:30PM
Tuesday (24)	Junior Boys & Girls Volleyball Practice @ 3:00-4:30PM Grade 4/5/6 Choir Meeting at Lunch Recess Jr High Band Session 3:00-4:00PM
Wednesday (25)	Junior Boys & Girls Volleyball Practice @ 3:00-4:30PM Senior Boys & Girls Game @ 4:00PM @ Veg
Thursday (26)	Senior Boys & Girls Volleyball Practice @ 3:00-4:30PM Junior Boys Game @ 4:00PM @ NHS Junior Girls Game @ 4:00PM @ St Luke Grade 6 Hand Chimes at Lunch Recess
Friday (27)	Senior Boys & Girls Volleyball Tournament @ SPS <b>ORANGE SHIRT DAY</b>



## Coming Up this Month

- September 20 Terry Fox Run (wear red & white)
- September 23 SYNC
- September 25 Hot Lunch for Grades 1-3 and Mon/Wed Kindergarten
- September 26 Hot Lunch for Grades 4-6 and Tues/Thur Kindergarten
- September 27 Hot Lunch for Grades 7-9
- September 27 EIPS Orange Shirt Day (wear orange shirt)
- September 30 National Truth & Reconciliation Day **\*NO SCHOOL\***

## Bell Schedule \*NEW This Year\*

8:10AM-9:05AM	Period 1
9:05AM-9:58AM	Period 2
9:58AM -10:13AM	Recess
10:15AM 11:08AM	Period 3
11:08AM-11:48AM	Lunch
11:50AM-12:43AM	Period 4
12:43PM-1:36PM	Period 5
1:36PM-1:51PM	Recess
1:53PM-2:46PM	Period 6

## Drop Off & Pick Up



All students should be using their designated doors to enter and exit the school at the beginning and end of the school day.

If your child arrives after 8:10AM please send them through the main entrance doors (located on Allard Way) as all other doors are locked after this time. They will have to sign in at the office before going to class.

Picking your child up early? Please let the teacher and the office know in advance. Once you are here, you can call the office at 780-998-2747 and we will send your child out or you can come into the main office.

## School Fees

Fees will be posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) in late September. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted.

For more information, visit [SouthPointe School's Fee Page](#) on the school website. Alternatively, contact our business manager, Chantelle Grieve at 780-998-2747.

## September Hot Lunch

- ☀ Grades 1-3 and Mon/Wed K 25 Sept
- ☀ Grades 4-6 and Tues/Thur K 26 Sept
- ☀ Grades 7-9 27 Sept

To order next month's hot lunch, go to <https://spschool.hotlunches.net/admin/>



## Sharks Athletics

Mon

23: Sr teams practice 3:00-4:30PM

Tue

24: Jr teams practice 3:00-4:30PM

Wed

25: Jr teams practice 3:00-4:30PM

Sr Boys & Girls play @ Vegreville @ 4:00PM

Thu

26: Sr teams practice 3:00-4:30PM

Jr Girls play @ St. Luke's @ 4:00PM

Jr Boys play at New Horizons @ 4:00PM

Fri

27: Sr Boys & Girls SouthPointe Invitational  
Tournament

## Terry Fox Run Info

This **Friday, September 20th**, our school will be taking part in the **“Try Like Terry” challenge**.

**The CLASS that raises the most money in each division will receive a PIZZA PARTY.** The STUDENT who raises the most money will receive a Terry Fox t-shirt! We will announce class winners the following Monday.

Our school goal this year is to raise \$2060 (We raised \$1960 last year!). You can send your child to school with cash donations or donate online [HERE](#). Students are encouraged to wear Terry Fox, Canadian, or red/white attire on run day.



## Try Curling in Fort Sask!

**Open House Oct. 5th 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

2:00 to 3:30 pm - Junior instruction by past champion Alison Thiessen and the Curling Alberta Ready to Rock Program  
RSVP @ [https://lu.ma/TryCurling\\_FortSask](https://lu.ma/TryCurling_FortSask)

**Junior Curling League \$100**

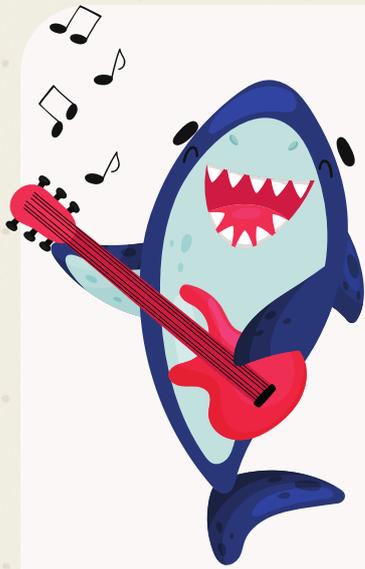
Wednesdays 4:00 to 5:00 pm, Ages 8-14  
Led by past champion Alison Thiessen and Curling Alberta Ready to Rock Program  
Call (780)998-3372 to register



## Bussing App

Is your child riding the bus this year? If yes, download the My Ride and Bus Status apps to stay in the know about your child's bus stop location, route, pickup time and whether their bus is running on schedule.





**Grade 4/5/6  
Choir**

**recorder club**

**Jr High Band**

# MUSIC

**HAND  
CHIMES**

Music extracurriculars are starting up the week of September 23! Students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 can join the choir which meets Tuesdays at lunch recess. Hand chime club will only be open to grade 6 students this year and it meets Thursdays at lunch recess. Neither of these will conflict with your intramurals games – we check the schedule twice! There will also be a recorder club and grade 6 band in the new year as well.

Any junior high students wanting to do band are invited to join the after school band on Tuesdays. It will meet until 4:00 pm. This is your chance to learn to play the flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, or tuba and have some extra performance opportunities. The first band concert will be on Friday November 29.

-Ms. Yule

## Update Your PowerSchool Info

The EIPS Correction and Verification Form is available online through your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)—at the top of the left-hand menu. Use the form to access and update your child's records information—including address, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts and medical information. Reviewing the form and submitting updates ensures the school has the most up-to-date information regarding your child.

**[PowerSchool Correction and Verification Form](#)  
Review and update the form by Sept. 25, 2024**

If you have questions about the form or your Parent Portal account, please contact the school office at **780-998-2747**.



## Sync Your Calendar

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own calendar?

Simply visit [southpointeschool.ca/about/calendar](https://southpointeschool.ca/about/calendar) and click on the subscription option:

- Download to iCal
- Add to Google Calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar

Once you click on the subscription option, follow the instructions.

# Community **BUILDING**

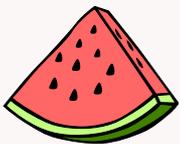
This year, Mr. Epp, Miss Wright and Ms. Bossert will be building community with their students in three different ways!

Once a month, Ms. Bossert will be taking a set group of students to visit with the seniors at Southfort Bend Gardens. Students and seniors will visit together to foster meaningful relationships.

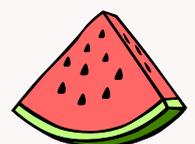
During their time together, they will engage in crafts, share stories, and learn more about each other's experiences growing up in their respective generations. The **Senior's and Youth Networking Communities (SYNC)** is celebrating its 11th year in Fort Saskatchewan. This program thrives thanks to the generous donations we receive, which enable us to cover transportation costs to and from Southfort Bend Gardens, as well as purchase craft supplies.

**We're especially grateful this year, as FGG Inspections has generously provided all the funds needed for student transportation, while Twice But Nice has funded our craft supplies. We are VERY grateful and appreciate your financial support!**

If students are not selected for the SYNC program, they will have an opportunity to work with **Technology** and experience a variety of **Multicultural activities**. With Mr. Epp, students will develop skills in coding, computer languages, 3D printing, robotics, and other technologies. Being proficient with technology helps students develop problem solving skills that will be vital to their future careers. With Ms. Wright's **Multicultural Adventures**, we will be partnering with the Fort Saskatchewan Multicultural Association, and learn more about other cultures around our community and the world, through guest speakers, crafts, songs, and dancing. This is a fabulous opportunity to broaden horizons, gain empathy, and develop an appreciation for the beautiful diversity of Fort Saskatchewan and the world.



## HOT LUNCH



To order hot lunches, we use the [spschool.hotlunches.net](https://spschool.hotlunches.net) website. Parents must create an account and add their children. **All parents must go in and select their child's new teacher for this year.** To pay for your order the website uses PayPal. There is an option to check out as a guest through PayPal if you do not have an account. For those who do not have credit cards there is an option to pay via cash; please bring your printed receipt along with the exact amount to the office prior to the end of school on the last day for orders. **Failure to pay for the order by the deadline will result in the order being cancelled.**

If your child is sick on the day of their hot lunch, please call the office and let them know. You can either pick up their lunch from the office at your convenience before the end of the school day or you can anonymously donate it to another student. No refunds will be given if a student is absent on the day of their hot lunch. If you need to cancel or change an order, you must do so before the deadline. A refund will be processed as a credit on your account to be used for future hot lunch orders. Once the deadline has passed orders cannot be changed or cancelled.

Should you have any comments, suggestions, or questions you can reach out via email at [spschoolhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:spschoolhotlunch@gmail.com).

# Community RESOURCES

## Eating Healthy on a Budget

Looking for some tasty and economical meal ideas? Join PCN Registered Dietician Meghan Brooks-Goodburn as she walks us through staying on a budget and healthy meal planning for different types of households including those with kids.



When: October 24th 6:00 - 7:00pm

Where: Fort Sask Public Library

To Register: [fortsask.ca/FCSSWorkshops](https://fortsask.ca/FCSSWorkshops) or call 780.992.6267



## FCSS Presents: Childhood ADHD

Does your child struggle with inattention, hyperactivity, distractibility, issues focusing at school, fails to complete assigned tasks, or avoidance of activities that require sustained focus?

Tania Johnson will lead this session:

- Identifying neurological and environmental factors which contribute to ADHD
- Exploring triggers which fuel impulsivity and hyperactivity
- Understanding the impact of a strong, connected relationship
- Developing strategies and tools to help your child
- Nurturing emotional intelligence and resilience

\*\*Virtual Session that you can do at your own pace October 15 - November 15

Register at [fortsask.ca/FCSSWorkshops](https://fortsask.ca/FCSSWorkshops)



Are you a caregiver navigating the unique challenges and joys of raising a neurodiverse child? We warmly invite you to join our monthly support group.

This is a safe space to share your journey, learn from others, and gain valuable insights into navigating the world of neurodiversity.

### Meeting Dates:

September 16: Group Discussion \*location for this date Lang Room City Hall  
October 21: Group Discussion  
November 18: Group Discussion  
December 16: Group Discussion

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Guest speaker announcements to come!

Families First Society  
9901 90 St, Fort Saskatchewan, AB T8L 3T1



\*\*Children's Programming is Available!\*\*

Register by calling (780) 998-5595 ext. 221  
no later than one week prior to each session

